

Times-News Annual Marathon Scheduled for May 11--Valuable Prizes Offered

FOURTH INTERCITY MARATHON WILL BE CONDUCTED MAY 11

Under Auspices of Washington Times and Baltimore News.

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Valuable Prizes Offered to Winning Long-Distance Runners.

The fourth annual Intercity marathon to be held under the joint auspices of The Washington Times and The Baltimore News, over a route of twenty miles, from Laurel, Md., to the Munsey Building, in Baltimore, will take place on May 11. The race will be held under the rules and regulations of the South Atlantic Association of the Amateur Athletic Union, and its sanction was received today.

For many weeks there has been great interest evidenced in the 1912 race, and the many queries received at The Times office indicate that this year's event will be the biggest ever held. In 1909, when the race was inaugurated, the combined cities entered seventy-five men, while the following year 125 athletes were listed for the run. Last year eighty-three were eligible to contest, and this had the pick of marathons of this section in the running. This year with the Olympic games acting as a stimulus to road athletics, there should be a record-breaking entry. Finish is in Baltimore.

The Times-News race has come to be the South's premier distance event, and yearly greater interest is being taken in the run from town to city. Last year the event race finished in Washington and those who follow this sport will well remember that the Baltimore pair, Henry C. Elphinstone and John X. Kelley, both of the Cross Country Club, won first and second honors for their club and city.

It is thought advisable at this time to run the race over the route of the 1910 Marathon for a record has been created for that distance, which will mean an extra incentive for some runners to break it. There is over a month in which to prepare for the race, and light work should be started at once. There is no time to spare, but there is plenty remaining in which to put one's self in the best possible condition for the struggle for the medals and glory.

Both Cities Win. In the first race in 1909, from Laurel to Washington, Henry P. Ennor, of the Washington Y. M. C. A., defeated Henry C. Elphinstone, of the Cross Country Club, of Baltimore, for the championship. In 1910, John X. Kelley, of the Memorial Athletic Club, of the District of Columbia, in a sensational race with Danny Miller, of the Washington Y. M. C. A., won the title. Kelley, again defeated a Baltimorean for the Intercity Individual title. Last year, 1911, Henry C. Elphinstone, of the Cross Country Club, won the title in his efforts, finally won the race to Washington that made him famous. Who is going to win this year? It is a matter that is attracting lots of attention among the marathons. If a Baltimorean wins, it will mean that the Intercity series it at a tie. It is well to bear in mind that only athletes who are registered members of the South Atlantic Association of the Amateur Athletic Union will be permitted to contest for the honors and any attempt to smuggle in a man will mean disqualification of the guilty party.

Blanks Ready Next Week. The entry blanks will be ready for distribution next week and may be had of the sporting departments of The Times and The News. No entry will be received except upon the printed form and it is imperative that every man tender his blank as soon as possible and before midnight, May 4, when the time will have expired. No entry fee is charged. As in the first Laurel to Baltimore race in 1910, the team scoring will be based on the point system. The five members of any club scoring the least number of points will constitute the winning team. The points are scored for each place made in the race. For instance, if a team has its members finish in the following order, first, second, fourth, tenth, and twelfth, its total would be the sum of the numbers or twenty-nine.

Rockville Is Winner In Extra Inning Game. ROCKVILLE, Md., April 6.—In a ten-inning contest at the fair grounds here yesterday afternoon, the Rockville High School baseball team defeated the Gaithersburg High School team, 2 to 1. It was a well-played and interesting contest throughout and was witnessed by a large crowd. Score by innings:

Rock H.S., 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0—2 9 3
Gaith. H.S., 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0—1 9 4
Batteries: For Rockville—Hicks and Hays; for Gaithersburg, Murphy and Meem.

Marathon Race Details

Date—May 11.
Entries close—May 4 at midnight.
Start—Laurel, Md., from Laurel Hotel.
Finish—Munsey Building, Baltimore.
Route proposed—Washington turnpike to Columbia avenue, to Poppleton street, to Lexington, to Pearl, to Saratoga, to St. Paul, to Lexington, to Calvert to the finishing point.

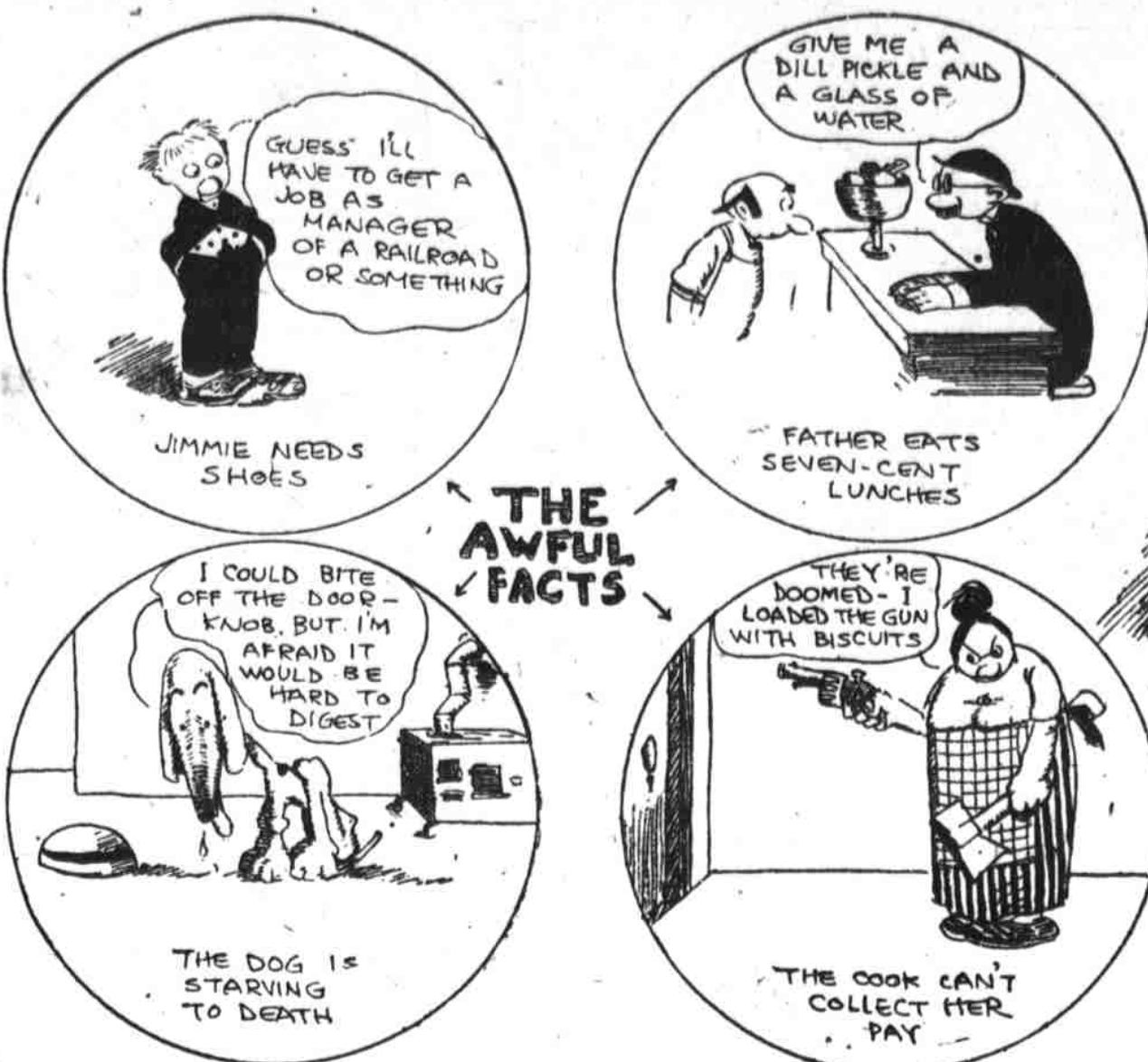
Eligibles—Athletes who are bona fide residents of Baltimore and Washington, and who are registered with the Amateur Athletic Union.

Prizes—Diamond studded solid gold medal to winner; five gold medals to the next five men to finish; five sterling silver trophies to the next five, and a bronze medal to every man who completes the course within one hour after the winner. A handsome team trophy is also offered to the team having the lowest points scored. Five men to count.

Still Mother Can't Be a Piker When She Buys Her Easter Bonnet

Drawn for The Times

By Goldberg



BOB THAYER'S Sporting Gossip

"Every Knock Is a Boost."

Only five days more. Joe Engel and Joe Boehling are mere lads and their work yesterday against the hard-hitting Boston Nationals is, on the whole, worthy of praise. They were wild, possibly from nervousness, but they showed sufficient ability to suit Manager Griffith, and he is the man who has to bear the brunt of the responsibility.

Yale Juck beat Cornell. Pavillon managers slammed Jack Knight for not touching Miller when the latter was forced at second in the fifth inning yesterday. Knight is an experienced player, and when his action was shown to be correct by Miller's tardy movement away from the bag, the pavilion managers grumbled into their holes. Ten cents buys a rule book, and these assistant managers might do worse than invest in one of these books and spend some time in close study of the same.

Nationals dropped second one. One of the faults of home exhibition games is the drawing of foolish criticism of players who have not yet rounded into form. Every day the Nationals are exposed to this useless criticism, and Griffith is severely pounded by the wise lads in the stand. Did it ever occur to the fans that August baseball is not shown in April?

Handbook and Fletcher sign. Jack Johnson, champion heavyweight of the world, may appear in New York after all, thereby killing the boxing game in the metropolis. Efforts are now being made to obtain his presence in a ten-round bout there, and Johnson will seize the chance to drag down some easy money. But it will be a most foolish move on the part of the New York promoters.

Boehling seems nervous. Frank Sherman put up one of the cleverest exhibitions yet seen in the national pocket billiard tourney in progress at Philadelphia yesterday. The Washington cue expert has started too late to be in the running and now stands fourth among the entrants.

"Gabby" Street making good. Eppa Rixey got his yesterday at the hands of Princeton. The big flogger has been doing the bulk of the work for Virginia and is thought to be under too heavy a strain. His game was won until Parker hit for a triple with the bases loaded.

"Kay" Church's friends were out. Steve White and Tol Pendleton, the two great Princeton football players, are in town with the baseball team today and have a large following among Washingtonians. Pendleton is the old Episcopal High School player and friends and former schoolmates will be on hand to watch the speedy player work.

Breenahan still wins. Georgetown is beating Princeton more than any other team. Comment on the Hilltop shows that the Blue and Gray team is more concerned at its ability to take the measure of the Tigers than any of the other college teams slated to appear here in the next week. Princeton will play again Monday.

Frank Sherman gets one. The Times-News Marathon is bound to attract many cross-country runners from Washington owing to the fact that Washington and Baltimore have each had two winners. Ennor and Mahoney, of this city, and Miller and Elphinstone, of Baltimore, are the winners of the annual classic.

GEORGETOWN MEETS PRINCETON TIGERS ON HILLTOP TODAY

Two Famous Football Players on Orange and Black Nine.

Preparations made by the Princeton men in the city to be on hand at the Georgetown-Princeton game this afternoon should result in the largest crowd of the season at the Hilltop field to see the game thought to have a direct bearing on the intercollegiate championship this season. Georgetown has successfully defeated all teams facing it this year, and Princeton, by a great victory over Eppa Rixey and his Virginia team yesterday, is looked to break the winning streak at Georgetown. With yesterday's game practically won, Princeton called in the last three innings, scoring four runs and winning the game in the final round. The Tiger team has early shown that it possesses the characteristic spirit of all Princeton teams. In selecting big Dave White to oppose the Princeton nine, Coach Sprigman believes he has a twofold purpose of stopping the Orange and Black Nine, famous in Blue and Gray annals as a pitcher and fullback, is no less than brother of Sam White, Princeton's truly great end and All-America selection for the football eleven. Mulaney will do the backstopping for Dave White.

Bergen will pitch for Princeton, with Sterrett behind the bat. "Tol" Pendleton, also famous as halfback and quarterback of the Tiger football team, is playing second base, and is reported one of the fastest men in the colleges on the bases.

Malcolm Scheduled to Face Catholic University

Vermont will pitch Malcolm, its star pitcher, in the effort to stop Catholic University in the game at Brookland this afternoon. The measure of the Catholic University players will be taken in one sense of the word today, and the comparative strength with Georgetown cannot be found. Vermont lost to Georgetown by 4 to 1, and Catholic University will endeavor to decisively defeat the New Englanders. Coach Moran's team, at Brookland, has been putting up a clever article of ball since the beginning of the year, and has made several creditable performances. The hitting is topnotch, and Vermont is expected to try the team to its utmost. Clancy and Ryan may work for Catholic University. McGee is expected back in the line-up in today's game.

Cuban Star Fails.

CINCINNATI, April 6.—The Cincinnati National League baseball club yesterday released unconditionally Pitcher Shinn. He was sent back to the Appleton, Wis., team of the Wisconsin League, from which club he was drafted by Cincinnati last fall. Walters were asked for Player Almeida, the Cuban infielder.

BINGLES AND BUNTS

By Grantland Rice.

On the Coaching Lines.

"Get in the game, smoke up, old dog! We've got to nail this scamp today! Say, lump that bloke there with the log! Keep on your toes and watch the play. These bingles! I guess the old sock walks! Come back, COME BACK! Hey, that's the dame! Say there, Old Concrete, pipe them bingles! Get in the game, get in the game!"

Next week may not launch any "banner season"—they are all that—but if we have completed the proper soundings and set the compass correctly, the gap between the 11th day of April and the 5th day of October will comprise one of the most hurricane epochs of a hurricane century. Five ball clubs are frothing with pennant ambition in the older circuit. Four of these—New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, and Pittsburgh—look to have almost an even chance. The Giants have a terrific battle on to hold their place, with the strongest early season competition to meet that any one contender was ever called upon to face. No one can say that Chicago, Pittsburgh or Philadelphia isn't neck and neck in speed and power with the dashing array which McGraw will again send over the ramparts—an array that is better seasoned than in 1911 and better primed for a flying start, with Rube Marquard and his port-side pecker ready in April. Some pennant race? No doubt of it.

Conditions in the American are still a trifle overshadowed by the impressive strength of the world-wide champs. But even here the competition will be keener, with five new leaders anxious to display their wares and take a running crack at the world beaters.

If Colonel Mack's ball club shows any tendency to drift back a few furlongs or to weaken, the five-club fight in the National will be duplicated and possibly surpassed in the output of froth, frenzy and furor. Mack will be forced to stand pat, there being no port of entry for a blushing recruit.

We honestly believe—minus the usual hip-hip stuff—that all other clubs in the American have been bolstered up. The Tigerines have added another slashing hitter and a brace of promising slabbers. Cleveland has strengthened its outfield and battery strength, doubling the worth of its catching staff, where the club was weak through the last campaign. Boston and New York have certainly tacked on increased effectiveness—the Red Sox, with Stahl and O'Brien, the Yanks, with Wolverton, Dolan, McConnell and Street.

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Turn to the case of Washington. The Capital Hamlet has averaged seventh place for eleven years. Can you wonder that even a promise for 1913 is worth a brief flurry of thrills and throbs when lined up with so much of wreckage and destruction from the rear?

But while the rhythm and the metrical melody are not there, "Barry to Collins to McInnis," or "Baker to the right field wall," frame at least a fairly stately piece of good, old-fashioned prose.

Jack Johnson Carded To Pass Busy Day

APRIL 6.—Jack Johnson and his "string of lawyers" were scheduled to appear today. The black pugilist failed yesterday to pay \$5,000 over to Uncle Sam's treasury here, after promising officials of the Department of Justice that he would make full settlement in the alleged diamond smuggling case. Today he must either pay up or defy the Government in court. This afternoon Jack meets Tom O'Rourke relative to a bout in New York by which he will make up the \$5,000 diamond loss. Tonight he will receive Promoter Jack Curley to hear a report on the progress of negotiations for the starting of the world's championship battle with Jim Flynn. Jack's lawyers will be present at all conferences.

"Scotty" Allen Looked To Land Sweepstake

NOME, Alaska, April 6.—By covering the first of the eight mile, All-Alaska Sweepstakes, the famous dog race of the north, in nine hours, A. A. ("Scotty") Allen, who won last year's race, established a new record for the distance. The race started from here yesterday. Allen is driving the team of malamutes owned by Mrs. C. E. Darling, of Berkeley, Cal. Allen took the lead soon after leaving Nome. At Council, the first eight-five miles of the 42 mile race, Charles Johnson, driving for Fox Ramsay, was second; Alexander Holmsen, driving John Johnson's team of Siberian huskies, was third, and Blatchford, driving for A. G. Oliver, was fourth.

Break Two Records in Defeating Princeton

CHICAGO, April 6.—The Princeton swimming team professed confidence that they would wrest the collegiate inter-sectional championship from Illinois University, despite their defeat last night. In downing Princeton the Illinois swimmers broke two world's records. Harry Hebler set a mark of 1 minute 16 seconds for the hundred yards back stroke, and the relay team made the 100-yard swim in 1:18.25. The old time was 1:18.45 for the back stroke and 1:21 for the relay.

Superbas at Wheeling.

WHEELING, W. Va., April 6.—The Brooklyn Nationals arrived here today. The team will play Wheeling this afternoon and tomorrow, and then leave for Washington, where two games, the last before the opening of the regular baseball season, will be played.

Get in the game, no matter which Nor where, nor when, nor who you are: The slogan rings at lofty pitch From inland town to harbor har! The call, eternal as the Fates, Sweeps out the laureled track of fame, From serfdom to the palace gates—"Get in the Game! Get in the Game!"

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Tomorrow's Sports

Yankees at Columbus. Giants at Paterson. Red Sox at Cincinnati. Athletics at Jersey City. Cardinals vs. Browns. Club run National Motorcycle Club to Great Falls.

Baltimore Defeated By National Leaders

BALTIMORE, Md., April 6.—The New York Nationals again hit the ball hard yesterday and defeated the Baltimore International by the score of 13 to 3. New York.....3 1 1 0 4 2 0 1—12 14 1
Baltimore.....0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—3 9 7
Patteries—Wittso, Fullenweider, and Myers, and Wilson; Russell, Smith, Klebow.

Coulton May Battle Elimination Winner

CHICAGO, April 6.—Johnny Coulton, the Logan Square bantam champion, today is considering an offer from New York promoters for a bout with the winner of the bantam elimination contests being held there. The only definite clause of the offer is the one guaranteeing the champion \$6,000. No time is set for the bout. It is believed Coulton will accept.

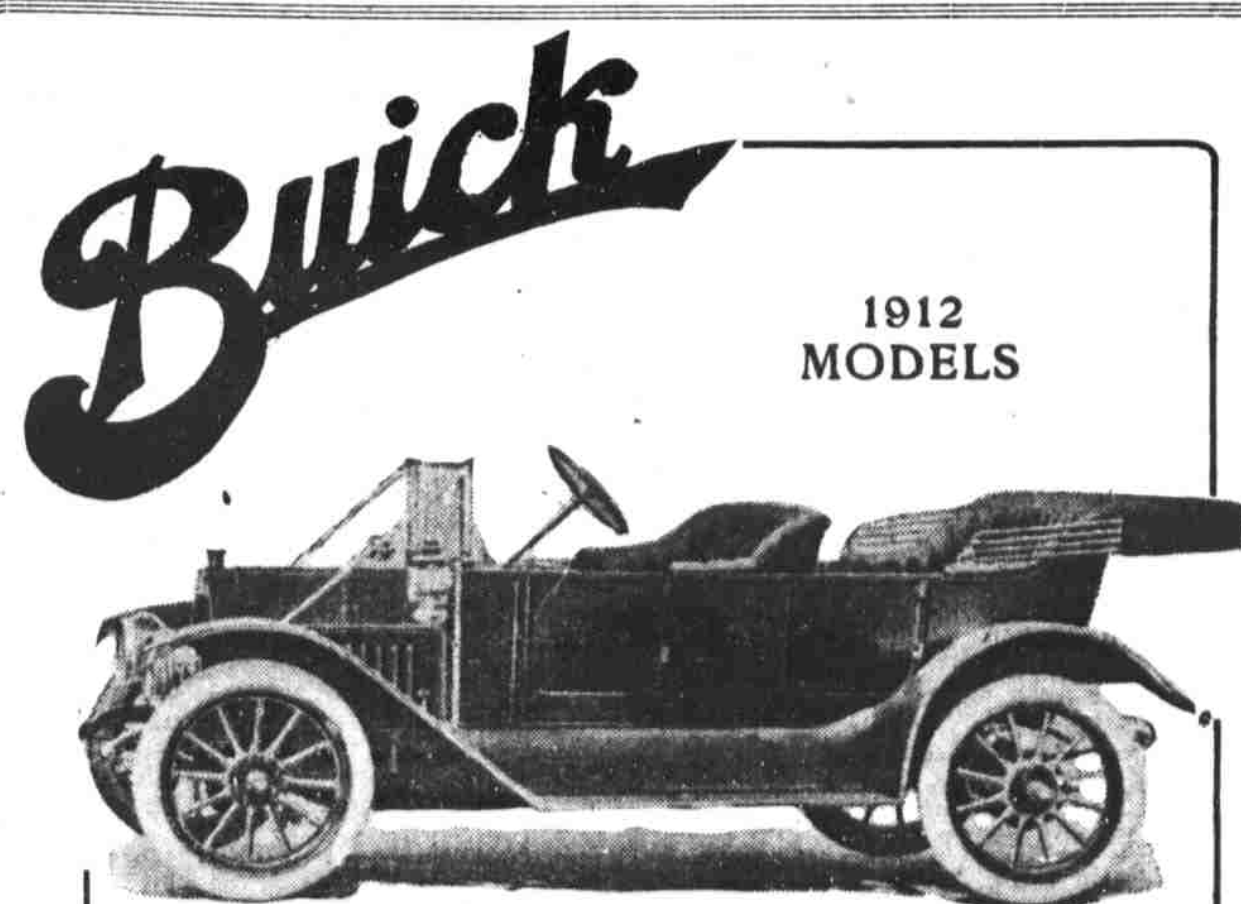
Jack O'Connor Gathers Players for Outlaws

ST. LOUIS, April 6.—Jack O'Connor, former manager of the St. Louis American League team, spent last night and today gathering a squad of free agents which he will take to Cleveland, where he is to manage the Cleveland team of the United States League. He said no effort would be made to obtain the services of players who are under contract with other leagues, and that the 1912 Cleveland team would be composed of semi-professional players and free agents.

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